



Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska

August 28, 2012

9:00 AM

The Board of Wheeler County Commissioners met in regular session on this date at 9:00 AM. Notice of the meeting was published and posted as required by law. Answering roll call were Commissioners Jack Poulsen, Jess Plugge, and Mark Landgren, Deputy Clerk Lynn Nichols and Attorney James McNally. Also present were Sheriff Adrian Lindsay; Hwy. Supt. Gail Payne; Chad Marsh, representing Kirkham Michael; Chuck Abel with Severson, Lammers and Abel, CPAs, Weed Superintendent Doug Reiter, and County Treasurer Heidi Wid. Chairman Poulsen identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster located on the commissioners' board on the south wall and made reference to open meetings law literature available on the commissioners' room table. The clerk asked for approval of the July proceedings and all commissioners approved the said proceedings as presented.

Fees from the various county offices were reviewed and approved for the month of July 2012. The claims were audited and approved as follows:

GENERAL FUND

Commissioner	\$ 826.25
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County Clerk	3,108.00
County Clerk Clerical	2,331.00
County Treasurer	2,978.50
County Treasurer Clerical	1,505.25
Custodial	344.64
County Sheriff	3,280.67
Deputy Sheriff	2,606.88
Sheriff Clerical	1,036.00
County Attorney	2,762.67
AFLAC, insurance	253.16
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., retirement	2,602.62
Appeara, service	106.02
AS Central Services, AS400 fees	339.75
Bartlett Post Office, postage	155.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance	11,936.80
Burwell Tribune, publishing	207.88
Duckwall-Alco Stores, Inc., janitor supplies	5.49
Ericson State Bank, payroll w/h	4,405.25
G-L-W Extension Service, support	1,539.84
Holt Co. Treasurer, veterans service contract	291.66
Howard Co. Clerk, county share dist court expense	35.53
J & J Sanitation, service	134.62
KirkhamMichael, set section corners	913.65
LexisNexis, law publications	99.00



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Loup Valleys Rural Public Power Dist, service	210.61
M & M, Inc., sheriff fuel	253.87
McNally, James clerical/office rent	1,052.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc., court equipment rental	60.00
Mines Press, supplies	88.73
MIPS Inc., support	1,055.17
Nebraska Dept. of Revenue, payroll w/h	563.93
Nordhues Family, service	127.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., service	656.74
Office Net, supplies	131.38
Presto-X, service	44.97
Reiter, Doug, emergency manager	100.00
Repco Marketing, Inc., supplies	39.00
Sam's Club/GECF, supplies	40.92
Scarlett, Kathy, service	40.00
Snider, Cara, zoning pro-tem	100.00
Strope & Gotschall PC, LLO, court appointed attorney	1,620.00
United Fire & Casualty, museum insurance	668.00
Valley County Sheriff, prisoner keep	50.00
Verizon Wireless, service	86.34
We Mart, sheriff fuel	447.58
Wheeler County Sheriff Dept., court fees	2.00

ROAD FUND

Road Foreman	3,463.92
Road Crew	2,358.89
Road Crew	2,290.87
Road Crew	2,311.46
Road Crew	2,390.75
Road Crew	2,580.49
Road Crew	2,394.77
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., retirement	2,001.50
Appeara, service	16.84
Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance	8,865.03
Bomgaars Supply, Inc., supplies	142.85
Cornerstone Bank, trucks payment	3,472.65
Ericson State Bank, payroll w/h	3,963.77
Funk Construction, LLC, service	19,516.50
J & J Sanitation, service	140.06
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power Dist, service	142.65
Menards, supplies	74.92
Midwest Hydraulic Service & Equipment, repairs	131.98
NE Child Support Payment Center, payroll w/h	287.00
Nebraska Dept. of Revenue, payroll w/h	560.22



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Nebraska Machinery Co., grader blades	3,197.85
Nebraska Truck Center, Inc., repairs	62.79
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., service	110.45
Peoples Service, tires	332.00
Pollock Redimix, gravel	3,269.16
Powerplan, repairs	163.11
Sapp Bros Petroleum, Inc., fuel	12,541.62
Sinclair Gravel, gravel	2,603.55
The Parts Bin, Inc., repairs	107.15
Ulrich Gravel Inc., gravel	5,237.75
We Mart, fuel	845.94

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND

Community Builders & Home Center, handicap access doors	4,920.00
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The Kirkham Michael claim that was tabled from the previous month was discussed. The county attorney stated that in his opinion the county was responsible for the cost of establishing or re-establishing section corners but not quarter section corners. It was decided that further research was needed on the matter and it was tabled until the September meeting.

Jim McNally then presented the Board with a Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company (NNTC) agreement for burying fiber-optic cable in the county right of way. He noted the changes that were made to the original agreement to satisfy the county's concerns and said NNTC was fine with the changes he had made. Landgren moved to approve and sign the agreement with NNTC. Poulsen seconded. On roll call by clerk, voting aye: Landgren, Poulsen and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Wheeler County's district judge has requested that she be allowed to hire a secretary/bailiff who would be in charge of all her scheduling and correspondence instead of each county trying to schedule her various courts. The county attorney stated that this is allowed by Nebraska statute, with all the counties in her jurisdiction sharing the cost. Wheeler County's share would be 3% of the expense, or approximately \$1500. Plugge moved that Wheeler County approve of the hiring of a secretary/bailiff for the district judge. Poulsen seconded. On roll call vote by clerk, voting aye: Plugge, Poulsen and Landgren. Voting nay: none.

CPA Chuck Abel presented the proposed budget he prepared for the board from the figures provided by the county. He explained his computations and answered questions from the board. He was told to proceed with the budget as presented. Abel said he would publish the notice of budget hearing for September 10, 2012 at 9:00 AM in the commissioners' room.

Treasurer Wid met with the board in regard to the transfer of \$15,000 to the road fund from the inheritance tax fund to cover the August claims. Commissioner Plugge introduced and moved to transfer the said funds. Poulsen seconded. On roll call vote by clerk, voting aye: Plugge, Poulsen and Landgren. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Wid also presented the board with a county tax sale certificate that has not been redeemed. Poulsen moved that County Attorney McNally be directed to proceed with the county tax sale. Landgren seconded the motion. On roll call vote by clerk, voting aye: Landgren, Plugge, Poulsen. Voting nay: none.

Supt. Payne presented the Road Dept. inventories for the board's inspection. He presented the board with Bygland's



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proposal on some road work for the county. The board asked Payne to have Bygland clarify a couple of items in the proposal. Payne also updated the board on projects that the dept. has been working on.

The deputy clerk presented the board with a quote for a new phone system for the courthouse to replace the nearly 20 year old system. After discussion it was decided that outright purchase of the phones versus leasing them made more sense. Plugge moved to purchase the phone system described in the quote from Northeast Nebraska Telephone. Landgren seconded. On roll call vote by clerk, voting aye: Landgren, Plugge, and Poulsen. Voting nay, none.

The deputy clerk then presented the board with the inventories from the various county offices and departments for the board's review and signatures. The inventories will be on file in the county clerk's office.

With no further business to come before the board, Poulsen declared the meeting adjourned.

The County Board will meet again in regular session on September 25, 2012 at the Wheeler County courthouse.

Lynn Nichols, Deputy County Clerk

Jack Poulsen, Board Chairman